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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR TEST BAN TECHNICAL TALKS

1. I PLAN TO COVER ARTICLES III, V AND VI OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT IN MY MEETING WITH MOROKHOV TOMORROW. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS ANY GUIDANCE ON NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS, DURATION OR ACCESSION, IT SHOULD REACH ME BY OPENING OF BUSINESS TOMORROW.

2. SOME OF THE DELEGATION (WALSH, ROWNY, MAY, DAVIES AND MCNALLY) HAVE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ON POSSIBLE GUIDANCE. WE NOTE THAT ARTICLE II, THROUGH REFERENCE TO PROTOCOL, CALLS FOR THE USE OF SOVIET SUPPLIED DATA TO AID VERIFICATION. THIS IS APPARENTLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE REFERENCE TO NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS IN ARTICLE III, SINCE THE IMPLICATION OF ADDITIONAL DATA REQUIREMENTS IS THAT AGREEMENT IS NOT VERIFIABLE SOLELY BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS. A PARAGRAPH COULD ALSO BE ADDED TO ARTICLE III ON DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT (CAVITY DECOUPLING HIDING IN EARTHQUAKES, ETC.). IN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO DO SO, HOWEVER, WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THE POSSIBLE EFFECT ON FUTURE PNE APPLICATIONS.

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